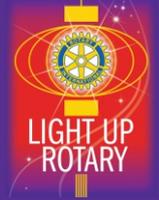




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## DECEMBER – ROTARY FAMILY MONTH



### *President's* MESSAGE

December is usually ear-marked for celebration. A month of merry-making, exchanging greetings, visiting friends and relatives.

How do we care for our Rotary family? We share fun and happiness by involving our own families in Rotary. We ought to be more supportive when our fellow Rotarians are having difficulties. I fully understand most of us are very busy in our vocation, but we have to find and spare some time for this purpose. The goal of Family of Rotary is to promote the understanding that Rotary is a family.

Friends, I wish each one of you and your family members, friends and relatives a happy and safe Christmas and New Year. I thank you for your friendship and support throughout the year.

Now I am looking forward to the Christmas and New Year Celebrations on December 7, a time for all of us to enjoy some great friendship and fellowship.

**Rtn. PHF C. K. Mohan Kumar**  
President

### Family-friendly

“We want families with children to join Rotary, so we try to be very flexible. Family commitments always take precedence.”

— *Wendy Scammell, Rotary Club of St. John's Northwest, Newfoundland, Canada*

“For me, Rotary is a way of life – one that my husband and I have lived our whole lives.”

— *Julia Gereda de Carlin, Rotary Club of Monterrico-Surco, Peru*



### *Meet our RI President* GARY C. K. HUANG

If you take a look at the Rotary calendar, it's easy to see where our priorities as an organization lie. The Rotary year begins in July; in August we mark Membership Month, in September we celebrate New Generations, October is for vocational service, and so on, turning our attention to different topics that are important in Rotary.

It's a great idea to do this, because it reminds us to talk about subjects that we might otherwise overlook during our busy Rotary year. But we all know that every topic on our calendar - from fellowship to our Foundation - is important. All of them are part of what makes Rotary what it is, and what makes all of us Rotarians.

In Rotary, **December is Family Month**. Looking back on my years as a Rotarian, I have seen how important family is in Rotary - and how important Rotary can be to our families. My wife, Corinna, chose to join Rotary just a few months ago, after many years as a Rotary spouse. All three of our children are also Rotarians. All of them joined their own club, in their own time. All of them have found unique interests in Rotary. As we have watched them find their own paths, we have been struck by how wonderful it is to have so many members of our family involved in Rotary service.

Rotary gives us something good that we can all do together. With Rotary, we always have interesting things to talk about at dinner. We are all involved in different service, in different clubs, so when we sit down together, we are talking about humanitarian needs of every kind, in every part of the world. There is always something new to learn.

Our conversations are also a wonderful way to teach our children, through our own actions, what is really important in life. They learn about what life is like in different parts of the world, and how all of us have an obligation to help others when we can. I can think of no better lessons to teach our families than the lessons of Rotary service.

I hope that in this Rotary year, many of you will encourage your family members to join Rotary, Rotaract, or Interact. Bringing your family into Rotary doesn't just Light Up Rotary - it lights up your own lives as well.

**Gary C.K. Huang,**  
President, Rotary International, 2014-15



## Family of Rotary Guidelines

The Rotary International Family of Rotary Resource Group has asked all clubs to explore ways to further create and nurture an atmosphere of warmth and caring among those in the Family of Rotary to increase involvement in Rotary activities.

Specifically, the Family of Rotary embraces

### The Immediate Club Family of

- › Members
- › Spouses
- › Widows and widowers
- › Children
- › Grandchildren
- › Other relatives

### The Extended Family of

- › Fellow Rotarians in other clubs and districts around the world.
- › Our Foundation and its alumni
- › Group Study Exchange members
- › Youth Exchange students
- › Rotaractors
- › Interactors
- › RYLA participants
- › Inner Wheel and other spouse/partner groups Like most families, the Rotary family provides a haven where collectively, we can gather the strength and encouragement to face the challenges of the world.

Again, as in a family, each member cares and supports the other in time of need, sickness or distress - our Rotary Family is no different as, together, we strive to provide pastoral care to our immediate Rotary family members in time of need.

To enhance club activities by offering broad based programs and activities that are of interest to current and past members, spouses, partners and their children;

To create a greater sense of a family atmosphere within our club to support the work we do outside of our club.

To provide pastoral care in time of need to all members of our immediate family;

To emphasise and thereby practise the caring aspect of Rotary, as we reach out to individuals in need within our community - clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, comfort the sick, care for the aged - in short, to reach out to our fellow human beings to help and offer comfort;

The impulse to reach out to others abides in the hearts of all people of good will. As Rotarians, we simply do what is most natural when we act upon those values in terms of what we feel and believe.

## Rotary Day at the United Nations Highlights the Strength of Partnership

To strengthen their 69-year-old partnership, leaders from Rotary and the United Nations met this month in New York City for Rotary Day at the United Nations. The two organizations began working together with the aim of maintaining peace after World War II. Today, the relationship has evolved to include humanitarian work in areas like gender equality, child and maternal health, and disease treatment and prevention.

While the UN's Millennium Development Goals are set to expire in 2015, its leaders are preparing for an even more ambitious humanitarian agenda of eradicating extreme poverty by 2030, said Amina J. Mohammed, special adviser of the UN secretary-general on post-2015 development planning, speaking at the event.

The UN considers those living on less than \$1.25 per day to be in extreme poverty. Around the world, 1.2 billion people fall into this category.

"We have the resources in the world to deal with the issues we have today," said Mohammed. "We need to find a way to unlock that." She added that building strong partnerships with organizations that share a similar vision will be crucial to solving the global issues that are related to extreme poverty. As proof of the power of partnerships, Mohammed cited the polio eradication work of Rotary and its global partners.

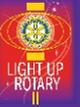
Describing that work, Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair John Kenny, in his address to the meeting, said, "we persist, we overcome challenges, we make progress -- and we do not yield."

Nina Schwalbe, principal health adviser for UNICEF, noted that the skills honed in fighting polio -- such as identifying the people an infected person has come into contact with, known as "contact tracing" -- can be used "as a model to make advances in other global health issues," such as Ebola.

Nigeria's government stopped its recent Ebola outbreak largely by employing the strong health care systems it had put in place to tackle polio, said Schwalbe. Extreme poverty can be eliminated, insisted Mohammed, but infrastructure must be improved, and not merely through ad hoc projects scattered around the world. Eliminating extreme poverty, she said, requires making sure girls have access to education and addressing other forms of gender inequality.

"Women and children are the world's greatest untapped resources. Helping them is the quickest way to end poverty," said Nana Taona Kuo, senior manager for Every Woman Every Child, an initiative of the UN secretary-general. "When women and children are healthy and strong, entire economies grow."

By reaching decision makers, Rotary can play a critical role in civil society, said Kuo.



## Secretary's Diary



- 3<sup>rd</sup> December - Gita Dev, Ann of Rtn. Dr. M.S.R. Dev  
 13<sup>th</sup> December - Rtn. Ashok P Menon  
 15<sup>th</sup> December - Deepa Nair, Annet of Rtn. Mohanan Nair  
 18<sup>th</sup> December - Indira Mohan, Ann of Rtn. C. K. Mohan Kumar  
 23<sup>rd</sup> December - Vinay Prathap, Annet of Rtn. Adv. Prathap Pillai  
 25<sup>th</sup> December - Sudha Anand, Ann of Rtn. Dr. Anand  
 28<sup>th</sup> December - Rtn. Jacob K. George  
 29<sup>th</sup> December - Deepak, Annet of Rtn. V. Chandramohan  
 30<sup>th</sup> December - Afeesha, Annet of Rtn. Dr. E. Shaji



- 8<sup>th</sup> December - Rtn. Gopakumar and Ann Ramani Gopakumar  
 10<sup>th</sup> December - Rtn. K. N. G. Kaimal and Ann Girija Kaimal



### The RI Board has Adopted the Following Statement on Family:

The Board, recognizing that

- The family, which is the basic unit of society in the community, is struggling with a host of complex social and economic problems that are attacking its structure;
- In many parts of the world, this breakdown of the traditional structure is, in turn, threatening the fabric of community life;
- Rotary's longtime commitment to Community Service makes it imperative for Rotarians to actively address the crisis in the family today;
- Encourages Rotarians, Rotary clubs, and districts worldwide to:
  - a) bring their power to bear through existing programs on the most formidable problems facing families today, including but not limited to domestic violence, child abuse and neglect, homelessness, drug and alcohol abuse, gang activities, child-care needs, and underemployment;
  - b) instill the importance of universal human values in the homes, schools and communities of the world;
  - c) continue current projects and undertake new ones that strengthen the family structure and make it a secure anchor for the larger community;
  - d) demonstrate their commitment to family and community through projects, activities, and events in celebration of "Family Month" each year.

### DISTRICT CONFERENCE

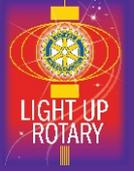
District Conference "Mahotsav-2015" to be held at Hotel Le Meridien, Kochi on 13, 14, and 15th of February, 2015. Rare opportunity to enjoy the exotic location, enchanting ambience, delicious food. And listen to renowned speakers. Please keep these days free. Book on advance to serve you better.





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## Installation of Mr. C. Giridharan Nair to Rotary Club of Trivandrum North



## Vocational Service Award given to Mr. Ganapathy Potty, Head Master of Aruvikkara LPS

